

SHIFT U.S. TROOPS ALONG THE BORDER

**Forces Being Moved to Rein-
force Gen. Pershing if
Necessity Arises.**

**WAIT ON WASHINGTON
BEFORE CROSSING LINE**

"Locating Villa on Reliable Mexican Information" Is Now Principal Pastime on Boundary.

EL PASO, Tex., April 21.—Movements of American troops from points along the border to the army base at Columbus, N. M., where they will be held in readiness to reinforce Gen. Pershing's army in case of necessity, continued today. Dispatches from the front indicated that American troops were awaiting developments at Washington before making any further effort to capture Villa.

Officials of the de facto government said there was no basis for the reports that uprisings were imminent in northern Durango and lower Chihuahua. It was explained at Juarez that the movement of the Carranza troops into the Parral district was not intended as a threat to bar the further advance of the forces of the de facto government, but that the de facto soldiers had been sent there to preserve border order and prevent destruction of private property.

Thinks Purpose Is Accomplished.

Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul, said today that the work of the American expedition was concluded and that he hoped that in a few days the order would come from Washington for the troops to be withdrawn. "We have the situation in hand," said Mr. Garcia. "The Villa cause is broken, and the Villa still lives his prestige is destroyed."

Mr. Garcia said the government of the list of next month will demand that the companies pay for the gold they export. The Mexican consul did not credit the reports that the law demanding gold for such duties would create trouble.

The continued absence of any information of the report of the death of Francisco Villa has revived again the popular industry in El Paso of locating the bandit. During the last two days he has been successively reported from "reliable Mexican sources" as being in the mountains of Chihuahua. His last location was given today by a Mexican railroad man as at Santa Isidro, a little town about thirty miles south of Parral, in Durango.

Little Faith in Stories.

Little credence is placed in these

stories here by Americans and Mexi

cans who are in the best position to

secure reliable news from the interior

There is a strong belief here that Villa

has never been as far south as Paffai and that the real reason for the out-

break against the American troops a

that town was that the Mexicans knew Villa was in the north and concluded

that the American soldiers were no

The Washington government, it is learned, already has acknowledged Carranza's note asking that negotiations for the withdrawal of the troops be taken up. He was assured his arguments were being studied, although there was no indication that a reply